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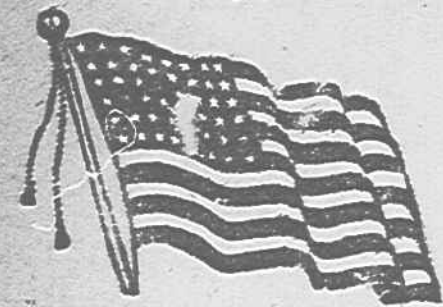
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THE AMERICAN'S CREED.

I believe in the United States of America as a govern-
ment of the people, by the people, for the people, whose
just powers are derived from the consent of the governed;
a democracy in a republic, a sovereign Nation of many
sovereign States; a perfect Union, one and inseparable,
established upon those principles of freedom, equality, jus-
tice, and humanity for which American patriots sacrificed
their lives and fortunes. I therefore believe it is my duty
to my country to love it; to support its Constitution; to
obey its laws; to respect its flag; and to defend it against
all enemies.

THE BUSINESS OF SAVING LIFE.

THE WEST VIRGINIAN has always insisted that
the public health is a matter of paramount impor-
tance which deserved much more consideration from
public officials generally than it ever got in Fairmont and
Marion county. Not always have our efforts in that direc-
tion been received kindly by those same officials. But a
day is coming when any man in office who neglects the
public health is going to be summarily treated. To illus-
trate what we mean we herewith print an editorial written
by a Newspaper Enterprise Association writer who kept
his eyes open and his wits alert during a visit to the front.
Says the N. E. A. writer:

War has taught how to save as well as de-
stroy life. The writer spent a half day in the
great hospital in Neuilly, France, at the time
when it was crammed with our American boy
heroes of Chateau-Thierry and Belleau Wood.
The healing of "incurable" wounds and per-
forming of "impossible" operations were com-
monplaces. The new truths and technique
won in the war hospitals will be saving the
lives of generations far in the future.

The writer followed the American troops
driving the Germans up a shell-torn road from
Chateau-Thierry to Soissons. On every pump,
well, spring, public faucet or other source of
water supply there was a notice telling if it
was fit to drink. The returning soldiers will
demand equal care for the civilian water sup-
ply. They will have learned a thousand other
things about personal and social hygiene that
will make the democracy they have saved and
will help to make safer for its citizens.

Nearly 20,000,000 men were examined for
the draft. Physicians, hygienists and sanitari-
ans will be digesting the information gained
for another generation. Already startling and
valuable conclusions concerning certain dis-
eases have been drawn from these figures.

The cantonnements and camps taught volumes
of the possibilities of preventive cure. As we
apply these lessons to cities lives will grow
longer and happier.

We mobilized thousands of our best phys-
icians and taught them to think in terms of
masses instead of individuals; to calculate
how to preserve health rather than cure dis-
ease; to heal conditions rather than treat pa-
tients. Such training prepares them to see
the evils in industry, housing and general so-
cial conditions. The world needs socially-
minded doctors.

The Red Cross has done more than train a
great army of nurses to be of inestimable
value in civilian work. It has developed an
intelligent interest in health matters among
millions of its friends. It has taught the be-
ginnings of health care to multitudes. It has
brought the interest of a host of children to its
work through their contributed pennies. These
will never have the careless indifference to
conditions threatening human health that
their parents have shown.

Every warring nation, our own included,
added greatly to its hospital facilities and more
to its hospital knowledge and technique. The
great system of base hospitals, prepared for
the terrible casualties that fortunately did not
come to us, now affords the possibility of ade-
quate hospital service in peace time.

The slaughter of mankind has emphasized
the value of human life and especially focused
attention on the need of safeguarding infancy.

RUFF STUFF

Pennsylvania railroad has notified
the U. S. Employment Service it needs
8,000 men.

Judging by the appearance of the
streets at times about half that num-
ber could be obtained in this town.

Why is it that the 28-hour law is en-
forced only against the coons?

And only against coons who have
no powerful friends?

Woodrow has been in Paris four
days and one of the newshounds car-
ries back that no one knows what his
policy is going to be.

Evidently travel does not change
Woodrow.

Jawn W. Davis has mitted the kink

And the indications are that they
will be able to get along together
pretty well.

West Virginia ladies who want to
be present at court will please line up
on the right.

The streets are beginning to wear
the color they wore when the First
regiment was camping out at the Fair
grounds.

Where is that regiment now?

What is more to the point where is
the nice new flag it carried away
when it started for Hattiesburg and
the scrambling machine?

Are you going to get out on your
war saving pledge and do all the
Christmas shopping too?

That's the big question of the hour.

The United States Children's Bureau tells us
that we now kill 500,000 babies annually by
toleration of deadly remediable social condi-
tions.

One year's application of the lessons of war
will replace this lives it cost. We paid a terri-
ble price for these lessons. It will be doubly
foolish and criminal to refuse to learn them.

It is a new age we are living in and it is not going to have
much time for those who attempt to think and act in the
terms of pre-war days. Health officials and municipal de-
partment heads are going to be the first to find this out.

BETTER LATE THAN NEVER.

RATHER late, it is true, and somewhat reluctantly,
Democrats are coming to realize the importance of a
protective tariff in our scheme of reconstruction. In
many respects, perhaps, we shall be able to hold our own
in full competition with the rest of the world. But even
in Democratic official circles there are evidences of real-
ization that the foreign producer will be able to undersell
the American producer in the American market.

The practical business man who is allied with the Dem-
ocratic party has been able to see this sooner than the
Democratic politician, who is usually not a producer. The
result is that peace is upon us without any steps having been
taken to prepare the country for the after-war competition.
Republicans desire to maintain the high wages and high
standards of working conditions that have been attained
during the war. But this manifestly cannot be done if we
are to be in full competition with labor that works for
one-tenth, or one-fifth, or even one-half of the American
scale. We may fool ourselves for a time with the notion
that the better paid American laborer can produce enough
more to make up the difference, but experience has shown
that this is not the case.

That the American workman can produce more per hour
is undoubtedly true, but that is not the measure of com-
petition. The real test is whether the American factory
can produce as much or more, per dollar of cost, than can
be produced by the foreigner. If not, then competition
will be upon us in full swing. A policy of "safety first"
would have induced the Democratic administration to take
the precaution of restoring the protective tariff, so that we
should guard against the possibility of destructive competi-
tion from abroad.

REVISING THE SCHOOL BOOKS.

WHEN the peace conference is ended all the geog-
raphies and histories in use in the public and private
schools of the United States must as soon as possi-
ble be revised.

Let's think: What does that mean? How big a job is
it? What will it cost? Who must pay the bill?

Well it means two new books for each of 20,500,000
school children, or 41,000,000 new books in all. If
each book is half an inch thick that means a stack of books
20,500,000 inches high—or, well, you figure out the
number of feet there are in 20,500,000 inches. Each of
these books will cost parents about \$1 each, or \$41,000,-
000. In some cities and states school books are provided
at public expense. In the end every taxpayer parent must
help foot this bill as one of the consequences of Bill Ho-
henzollern's war. (And books worth as many more mil-
lions of dollars must be junked. Total bill, \$82,000,000.)

It will take months of time to revise these books, print
them and get them into the hands of teachers and pupils.

And teachers must get new books and learn all over
again. But they'll be paid, of course, while studying—if
they work, too. The average wage of the average Ameri-
can school teacher is \$70.21 a month and comes out of the
average of \$6.28 a year paid by each American taxpayer
for education.

How generous we aren't with our education shop!

Yesterday the Senate by the highly significant vote
of 50 to 12 put an amendment taxing the products of
child labor into the general revenue bill. The entire
twelve negative votes were cast by Democrats, all of
whom but one are from southern states. The hour has
struck for child labor, and if the courts will not permit
it to be abolished by direct legislation, why it simply
will be taxed out of existence.

The December Bulletin of the Federal Reserve board
calls attention to the necessity for direct absorption of
government bonds now carried by the banks through
extensive popular saving. As The Bulletin suggests,
that would create much new current wealth, but if it
is to be brought about the banks will have to go in
more extensively for advertising than they have in the
past. And they will have to put more brains into their
copy. Taking it as a class, bank advertising is low-
grade.

Those people who are losing sleep because they fear
something unfortunate for America will occur at the
Peace congress forget that nothing can be done without
the consent of the senate, and the senate seems to be
working around to an ultra Missourian position on all
international matters.

Secretary of the Navy Daniels yesterday told the gov-
ernors at their conference at Annapolis that it will be a
year, possibly two years, before army demobilization
will be possible. It has not been announced when Sec-
retary of War Baker will make an announcement re-
garding the peace plans of the navy.

Yesterday the House Public Buildings committee de-
cided there will be no general public building next year.
The election certainly put the present congress out of
politics.

Down state coal operators are giving a great deal of
serious thought to the possibilities in export markets
for their coal. That is a good sign. An outlet in South
America and among the people who live along the Med-
iterranean would go a long way toward making West
Virginia producers independent of the frequent violent
ups and downs of the domestic market, but the only
way in which foreign business that may be depended
upon may be obtained is to go out and hustle for it. It
is a matter for the coal associations.

Beside it little things like the self
determination of nations seems tri-
fling.

TODAY IN STATE HISTORY

During the period from 1859 to 1863
the cost of commodities were high but
not so high as in the recent war, ac-
cording to figures of J. G. Brown, of
Preston county. Flour ranged from
\$6.50 to \$7.88 per barrel. Coffee sold
at fifteen cents per pound but there was
nothing but green coffee on the
market. The housewife roasted her
own coffee as part of the extra work
on Saturday. Sugar sold at from eight
to twelve and a half cents a pound.
Meats of all kinds sold at from six to
twelve and a half cents a pound. Tea
sold at from seventy-five cents to a
dollar a pound. Tobacco sold at from
four to 38 cents a pound.

RED CROSS WILL CALL TO LAST ALL WEEK

Committee Wants Homes to
Display Their Service
Flags.

The Red Cross Christmas Poll Call
campaign will be brought to a close
in Marion county on Monday, Decem-
ber 23, and reports must then be sent
to Washington as to how Marion county
has answered to the call.

If Marion county is to measure up
to her standard in similar campaigns
there yet remains much work to be
done and workers must hustle from
now until the close of the campaign.
While the work is practically com-
pleted in the city yet there remains
some scattered memberships to be
gathered in and workers are going af-
ter these rapidly. For the purpose of
gathering up these memberships
booths are being maintained in vari-
ous business houses and banks and
young women clad in the regalia au-
thorized by the National organization,
which consists of a pretty red cap and
sleeve brassard are stationed in these
booths ready to take in belated mem-
berships. Memberships can also be
secured at campaign headquarters in
The Fairmont hotel. These booths
will be maintained until Saturday
night.

It is asked that the auxiliaries work-
ing in the country districts make their
reports not later than Saturday and
it is also asked that they speed up the
work as much as possible in order to
make a good showing. Many of the
country districts have come across
nicely and yesterday Middleton reported
one hundred per cent strong.

The returns from the eight wards in
the city will be listed and published
the last of the week and this will show
exactly what each ward has done in
this campaign. Many persons have
called at headquarters and inquired
where they could enroll having been
missed in the Sunday canvass.

The city has made a splendid showing
but there still remains work to be
done.

The attention of the people is again
called to the fact that the committee
desires that window cards be
placed in all the homes and that if
persons have not been supplied with
these cards they may secure them by
making their wants known at head-
quarters.

I DON'T CARE GIRL MAY TURN PREACHER

(E. E. Meredith Press Bureau.)
CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 19.—Rumor
states and repeats that Eva Tanguay
is to become an evangelist—that she is
to compete with Billy Sunday in that
field. The announcement that the
"I don't care" comedienne is to enter
a new field is startling to those who
know her and still not so great a sur-
prise as would have been imagined.
Miss Tanguay has mastered the in-
carnations of showdom and learned
many things which will stand her in
value in the pulpit. For many years
she has been a conscientious student
of the Bible and has practiced preach-
ing in private with remarkable suc-
cess.

Miss Tanguay is determined, so her
friends say, to strip the mask from
those who have entered with the wide
spread epidemic of "moral flu." She
engaged in plain speaking in her
stage work and in her private life
with such a degree of success that
she is inclined to think she will suc-
ceed in the evangelistic field. An idea
of Miss Tanguay's train of thought can
be gotten from her "I don't care"
song which has made her famous.
Eva Tanguay formerly toured north-
west Virginia with one-night
stand shows and on one occasion cre-
ated a scene at Fairmont where she
refused to go on with her play until
three prominent young men left the
audience. They were taken out and
slipped in the gallery but the eccen-
tric comedienne was satisfied.

THRIFTY MENUS

Valuable time and energy will be
saved by the housekeeper who reduces
her marketing to a business basis.
It is a waste of time and money to go
to market every day. A good manager
can buy all the food necessary for a
week in two or at most three visits
to the market each week. Set a spec-
ial time to plan the marketing. First
consult the pantry and refrigerator to
see what foods and staples are needed,
and note them down. Next decide what
fresh fruits or vegetables, meat, or
fish are wanted for the next two or
three days and note them down. Take
special care to clip out the list of
food for prices published in news-
papers at least once a week, and make
a daily study of the local market list.
Write down the foods needed, and also
the staple household supplies, such as
soap, starch, brooms. Opposite each
item estimate from the official price
list the probable cost of each purchase.
Take the list to the market. If neces-
sary to change enter a food item or a
price mark the change on the list. If
any additions or subtractions are
made to the list while at the market
write them down.

Keep the list and at the end of each
week check it up and it will be found
a complete account of food and sup-
plies purchased and the money spent.
Such lists are invaluable as a means
of checking up bills and preventing
errors and are time and temper savers
par excellence.

Sunday.

Breakfast—Halved grape fruit, bar-
ley griddle cakes, syrup, cocoa.

Dinner—Tenderloin turkey with
dressing and baked apples rutabaga,
head lettuce and radish salad, French
dressing, cheese wafers, plum pudding,
coffee.

Supper—Cornmeal mush cooked with
dates, milk rut and raisin sandwiches,
tea.

Monday.

Breakfast—Stewed apples, oatmeal
with cream and sugar, toast, coffee.

Lunch—Hash (left over) creamed
on toast, cookies, tea.

Dinner—Escalloped salmon, creamed

We
Guarantee
All Goods

Courtneys' Store

True Values

108-110 Main St.

Our
Telephone is
No. 55-R.

If Santa Claus Made a Speech We Would Interpret It About Like This—

Yes! We Are Enthusiastic

A customer remarked:
"You always seem so en-
thusiastic in your adver-
tisements, are you really?"
Decidedly Yes!

With the knowledge of
the high quality of our
merchandise—the abso-
lute fairness of our prices
in every instance and the
excellence of our polite,
smiling service—

Well—We feel confident
we have plenty to arouse
this enthusiasm.

You, too, can share the
spirit by

Shopping Here!

Santa Makes Daily Raids
Into Our

Doll Section

Looks like our dollies
were mighty popular with
him—and who knows bet-
ter what kind of Dolls the
little folks like. We asked
him why and he confid-
ed that the Real Bobbed
Hair and the rosy cheeks
of Courtney's dolls were in
great demand in his
Christmas letters—

Going quickly, but our
assortment is being re-
plenished daily from our
reserve stocks.

Some dolls, not many
left, as low as 65c.

Cute Dolls with real Hair
at \$1.00 and up.

Sleeping Dolls—of course these
have Real Hair and are the
ones the little girls crave the most.

\$2.50 to \$3.75

Special While They Last!
The cutest little Dollies made of
wood, but with Real Hair and
as cunning as can be.

Special, \$1.00

Lies All-Wool Gauntlet
Gloves

for driving and sport wear. Spec-
ially priced at

\$1.85

From 8:30 'til 5 There's a Hustle in the Suit Section!



The Cause:
Clearaway of Suits

At such marvelous re-
ductions as These—

Group One—
Formerly \$18.50 to \$25
Now \$15.00

Group Two—
Formerly \$28.50 to
\$42.50
Now \$25.00

Group Three—
Formerly \$49.50 to \$75
Now \$40.00

Kimonos Worth Giving—
and Delightful to Receive

No doubt she has her heart
set on one, so don't disappoint
her on Xmas morning. Just
stop in here and let us show
them to you. In silk, Silk Crepe,
Crepe de Chine and Cotton
Crepe—Copen, Rose, Blue, Pink,
Lavender, etc.—THEY'RE SO
DIFFERENT—

\$2.75 to \$18.50

Gift Blouses of
Georgette—

Things of Beauty and a Joy for
months to come! Some plain tail-
ored—others more elaborate, trim-
med with beading and embroidery.
All desired Suit Blouses as well
as Flesh and White.

Values that are worthy of your
consideration.

\$4.75 to \$9.75

DON'T OVERLOOK
the Ready Boxed Gifts

Japanese Slippers—Collars—
Handkerchiefs—Purses—Hose—
Shirt Waists—Camisoles—Bon-
dair Caps, etc.

Selected and daintily displayed
in their neat Christmas boxes,
ready for giving Xmas morning.
REALLY WONDERFUL VAL-
UES.

for 95 cents

We Are Going to Have the Best Christmas Yet—



BUT! There are some
kinds of Christmas gifts
that you simply spend
money on: there are
other kinds of gifts that
you save money in.

We are certain you
are very much in favor
of the kind of Christmas
gift that is an invest-
ment instead of an ex-
penditure.

HERE you can rein-
vest in your Christmas

Savings for something of real Value.

For Useful Gifts, and Intimate Gifts of Silken Negligee

Fine Handkerchiefs, Hosiery, Gloves, Purses, etc.
For the wardrobe, smart serviceable Suits and coats—
for the wintry blasts, fine, luxurious Furs—for Sport
and outdoor wear, comfy, warm Sweaters—Etc.

Silken Underthings of Charm!



Here are surely
gifts that any beauty
loving woman will
cherish and find abun-
dant use for—espe-
cially the smart, lova-
ble things that are be-
ing shown now in
special display in our
Millinery Section.

Niagara Maid

Glove Silk—
Plain tailored styles
others handsomely
hemstitched—while
many models are also
fine lace and insertion
trimmed. Nothing
will fill the bill more
entirely to the liking
and satisfaction of
both parties involved.

Envelopes—

and every woman craved them.
\$2.75 to \$5.00

Bloomers—

(silk and Lisle) Sensible and ser-
viceable.
85c to \$3.50

Furs

for
Christmas

And nothing
will please her
more—

Furs are prac-
tical presents
of real use to
recipient. As



gifts they will be highly welcome and
will always reflect great credit upon
the good taste and judgement of the
donor.

We will take great pleasure in show-
ing you GOOD FURS and explaining
their points of merit.

Of Course They're All Guaranteed

Reliable Advertising Courtney's Store Dependable Merchandise

peas and carrots endive and cottage
cheese salad, canned peaches, coffee.

Tuesday.

Breakfast—Baked pears, Pilgrim
breakfast—(ommeal with nuts and
raisins, molded and fried), sirup and
coffee.

Lunch—Vegetable soup, corn sticks,
stewed prunes, oatmeal cookies.

Dinner—Braised beef tongue, brown-
ed potatoes, creamed cabbage, fruit
salad, sponge cake, coffee.